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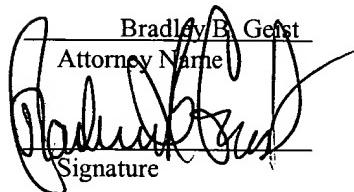
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1. DE 41 27 531 A1
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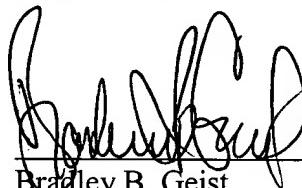
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Copies of the above-identified documents are enclosed, together with a Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. There are no English language abstracts readily available for the German or PCT patents.

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